



MCC[®]

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, June 15, 2014
1st Pentecost

Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part I

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Tough News/Good News

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing



NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

office

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative

Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form.** Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Beginner Ball Room Dance Lessons

Where: MCCLV's Fellowship Hall

When: Friday June 11, 2014 - Friday August 22, 2014

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Dances include:

- Fox Trot
- Waltz
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Polka



****Sign-Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall****

All are welcome you do not need a partner

Contact: Ed Robinson - (610) 703-7223

Loreli Bauer - (267) 421-4436 or email
lorelibauer@aol.com

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014.

A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, see the Pastor.



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ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation

Do you enjoy big festivals and
meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about
the great things happening at
MCCLV?

To learn more about how to be a part of the
special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival
Coordinator Gavin Neese at:
neese10@gmail.com

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to www.smile.amazon.com will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**."



Wednesday Evenings at MCCLV - Adult Bible Study -

During the months of June & July, MCCLV hosts an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies are led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*"



Schedule:

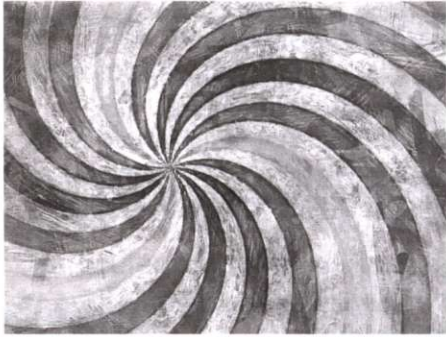
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

Food Pantry



Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:
njm0@lehigh.edu



In June & July, MCCLV hosts Centering Prayer at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church's Prayer Room. All are welcome to participate.

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Serve God and MCCLV as Media & Marketing Coordinator!
For more information email rev.goudy@mcclv.org

Save The Date



July 26, 2014
7pm



**Final Freedom To Marry Event followed
by an Ice Cream Social**

An opportunity for a
free legal ceremony
Stay tuned for more details

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Graduates

MCCLV will be honoring Graduates

June 22, 2014

the church office
Let us know if you are graduating.

~~You can e-mail the office at~~
office@mcclv.org



Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect the church's congregants, staff, and building?

Meets 4th Sundays

For more information, please see

Lauren Sheldon

laurenesheldon@gmail.com or

Emma Marrero

emma.marrero@kidspeace.org



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to
www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.



Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS

The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place in September, stay tuned for more details





Lancaster

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Innovative. Involved. Inclusive.

Queer Events, Queer Identities July 14-18

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on July 14-18 MCC Pastor Rev. Dr. Kharma Amos will be teaching "Queer Events, Queer Identities" at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

This overview spans the history of LGBTQ people from the ancient Western world through pre-industrial and modern cultures, to contemporary global situations. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the changing social constructions of sexuality and gender, and on the historic roots of contemporary religious, social, and political realities. This course will meet the Queer History requirements for MCC students preparing for ordination or a L.E.A.D. lay leadership certificate.

For more information, registration and tuition fees, go to the Lancaster Theological Seminary website and look up "Summer Academy." www.lancasterseminary.edu

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email brian.jones@mcclv.org for



MCCLV Board of Directors Emergency Meeting

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The MCCLV Board of Directors and members of the Property Research/Visioning Team will meet on **Monday, June 16th at 6:00 pm at MCCLV**. As all other meetings of the Board, this meeting is open to anyone interested in attending. The topics scheduled to be discussed include: information presented to MCCLV at a meeting held on June 11th with the Landlords and their new property manager, as well as, feedback regarding the 939 North 4th Street (Oakwood Medical) property that was viewed this week by the Pastor and members of the Board.

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EMERGENCY MEETING

Retirees Gatherings Changing

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in
MCCLV's Fellowship Hall
9:30 to 11:00am



Come and share comradery with
similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

Forge is Growing

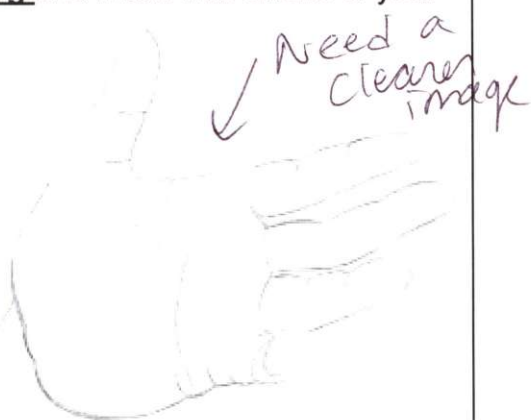
God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years is the spiritual growth, care and fellowship that is evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now we have been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish Speaking FORGE group. In order to proceed with this possibility, the FORGE ministry is asking that if you have an interest in participating in such a group that you contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at

robby.schotter@mcclv.org and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be interested please pass the word!

Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en

los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter

at **robby.schotter@mcclv.org** y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!astor



~~MCCLV~~ **SOFTBALL CALLING ALL PLAYERS**

You are
Recruiting! We need ^{ed} you! All are welcome!

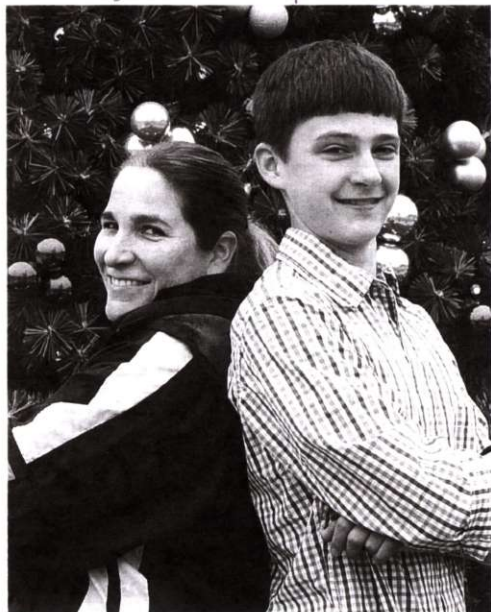
If you like to have fun, fellowship and a fierce time
come out and play ball!

June 29th from 2pm-4pm at Dieruff High School
815 N. Irving Street Allentown, PA 18109

Bring your glove, water and sunscreen.

Can't wait to play catch with you!

*See Dana Houch on
Weston Carpenter for more
information*



DO YOU HAVE A CARE NEED?



Are you scheduled for surgery? Do you desire a home visit? Are you in need of a prayer partner? MCCLV's Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator is Karl Steiner. Let Karl know your care needs by seeing him in person following the worship service, e-mailing him at karl.steiner@mcclv.org or phoning him at (610) 987-2858. Karl will coordinate care for you through MCCLV.

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.

Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

(other hours can be arranged upon request).

For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.



Boldly Going...

Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: avteam@mcclv.org



Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's prayer room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you. You can also email her at lorelibauer@aol.com.

move up



Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress. God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and the Lord brought them to their desired haven.

Psalm 107:28-30

Early Morning Prayer

So what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that God hears us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.

Early Morning Prayer at MCCLV, 9am every Sunday is a wonderful time to focus on our Creator, get caught up with God, and start your worship day with power.

Come and be blessed!



HIV Positive Support Group



A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

**Yard Sale Fundraiser
Saturday July, 19, 2014**

All proceeds are for the MCCLV Food Pantry to help with materials needed for set up and to supplement supplies

See Barb Baus for more information and to sign up to help.



*The righteous man walks in his integrity.
His children are blessed after him.*

Proverbs 20:7

*****Save The Date***
Saturday November 8, 2014
Tricky Tray**



**Committee Meets:
4th Wednesdays
May through October
MCCLV's Children's
Sunday School Room**

See Sue Carpenter for more details or email her at:
sue.carpenter@voya.com

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

My father gave me the greatest gift
anyone could ever give another person,
he believed in me.

(Jim Valvano)

So Much Life! So Much to Learn!! Start Soon!!!

Beginning Sunday, June 22 at 9AM, MCCLV will offer for your learning pleasure 9 amazing **LIFE LESSON Seminars**. We never know what challenges life will bring -- these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

- Achieving and Sustaining Emotional Health (2 Seminars)
- Dealing with Loss
- Adoption & Custody Issues in the GLBT Community
- Alternate Gender Topics and Panel Discussion (2 Seminars)
- Being a Long Term Care Giver
- Estate Planning -- Finances & Insurance
- GLBT Perspective on Wills and Other Legal Documents



For more information, see Barb Baus or email Karl Steiner
karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
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Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com



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Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE West Leaders:
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Ron Smith rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com



FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

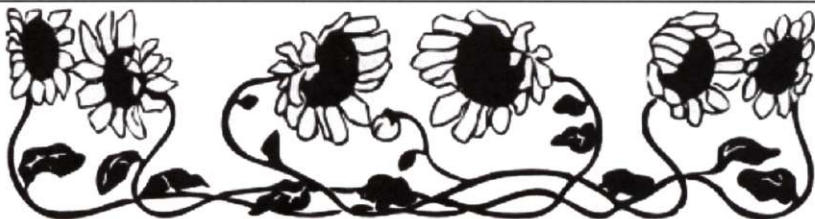


A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

2nd Pentecost: June 22, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part II"**

3rd Pentecost: June 29, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part III"**

4th Pentecost: July 6, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 & Philippians 3:17-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"The USA is Not a Christian Nation"**

5th Pentecost: July 13, 2014 @10:30am

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Run the Race"**

6th Pentecost: July 20, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scriptures Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 & Isaiah 40:9

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Hike The Mountain"**

7th Pentecost: July 27, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

Preaching Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Sail the Sea"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
6/8/2014	101	\$1,808.51
6/1/2014	97	\$2,671.81
5/25/2014	88	\$2,588.74
5/18/2014	81	\$1,103.50

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org

20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality,
Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:

Robert Schotter | robby.schotter@mcclv.org

Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming
and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:

Barb Baus | Email coming soon

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and
Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,

Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby,

Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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Music and Worship Director: Brian Jones | brian.jones@mcclv.org

Administrative Assistant: Paula Merkel | office@mcclv.org

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